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1. The Kwangtung Arsenal at Shihching (113-15, 23-13) and the 1 Branch Plant of the steel machine factory at Hsits'un (西新) have been ordered to extend their work into the evenings. They have a daily output of 2,000 round of rifle bullets, 400 hand grenades, and some firearms, all for shipment to Indochina.
2. Four purchasing agents have been sent to Hong Kong and Macao to buy steel and copper for these arsenals. The two agents who arrived in Hong Kong on 19 March are staying at the Asia Trading Company,\* Des Voeux Road Central. The purchasing is done secretly through Mr. LIU (劉), secretary of the Metal Workers Dealer's Guild.

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- \* [redacted] reports that the Asia Trading Company, 131 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, is acting secretly as a transportation agent for the Chinese Communists. [redacted]

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